

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending.

Claims 13-23 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1-12 and 24-29 are rejected.

In the office action dated May 12, 2008, base claims 1 and 7 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Snyder U.S. Patent No. 6,653,641 over Lipson U.S. Patent No. 6,463,426; and base claims 24-25 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Snyder in view of Lipson and Jebens U.S. Patent No. 6,332,146. These rejections have been rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 1-29 and the addition of claims 30-42.

Snyder does not teach or suggest the method of base claim 30. Snyder 'discloses a search engine system. Snyder is concerned about analyzing web sites and storing information about the web sites. A crawler extracts information about web sites, and stores the information in a database. For each web site, the system stores a description of the web site, and one or more links. The system also stores a thumbnail (or snapshot graphic image) corresponding to the web site.

The method of new claim 30, in contrast, is concerned with information about a specified change at a specified geographical location over a specified period of time. At least one remote data sensing source is used to capture correlated images of the specified location during the specified geographical location over the specified time period, and an algorithm is used to extract the information. Dependent claims 37-40 recite some examples of information that can be extracted from the images.

The other documents made of record do not teach or suggest the differences between Snyder and new claim 30. Therefore, new claim 30 and its dependent claims 31-40 should be allowed over the documents made of record.

Base claims 41 and 42 should be allowed for the same reasons.

If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to further discuss this application, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

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